

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/909,140

Examiner

Dave Czekaj

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 11-24-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 35-46.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Zakhor (5699121) discloses an apparatus that relates to the processing of low bit rate signals (Zakhor: column 1, lines 13-16). This apparatus comprises "designating an initial reference dictionary of functions" (Zakhor: figure 1, column 4, lines 59-67, wherein the dictionary is the pattern library, the functions are the signal patterns), "designating a set of video sequences to be used as training sequences" (Zakhor: column 4, lines 1-18, wherein the training sequences are the reference frame signals), "calculating the motion residual image for at least one of the frames from the set of the video sequences" (Zakhor: column 4, lines 31-36), "determining an energy threshold for evaluating the residual image" (Zakhor: column 5, lines 9-23, wherein the threshold has been previously applied to only use the high energy portions), "evaluating the residual image for portions above the threshold" (Zakhor: column 5, lines 9-23, wherein the portions above the threshold are the high energy portions), "comparing a first high energy portion of the residual image to at least one function in the reference dictionary" (Zakhor: column 5, lines 47-54, wherein the high energy portion is compared to patterns or functions in the library or dictionary), "extracting the first high energy portion of the residual image" (Zakhor: column 5, lines 9-23, wherein the high energy portion is extracted from the image) and "storing the extracted high energy portion of the residual image" (Zakhor: column 6, lines 38-

44, wherein the buffer is the storage medium). However, this apparatus lacks synthesizing the dictionary from the high-energy portions as claimed. This apparatus further lacks dividing the high energy portions into subsets for using in calculating and updated dictionary pattern. A further search was conducted which failed to yield any prior art. Therefore, the prior art fails to teach or render obvious these limitations taken within the others in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dave Czekaj whose telephone number is (571) 272-7327. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on (571) 272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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